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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES DECLINE SHARPLY IN OCTOBER

NEW YORK, March 16--The value of building permits in the nation's 202 largest cities decreased 25.3 percent to $4.7 billion in October 1986 from $6.3 billion in October 1985.

The largest gains in October were reported in Elizabeth, N.J., where building permit values increased 2,818.6 percent to $25.5 million from $875,250 in the same month a year ago; Newark, N.J., up 865.9 percent to $9.8 million from $1.0 million; and Fall River, Mass., up 695.9 percent to $12.1 million from $1.5 million. The increases were the result of the construction of a hotel and townhouses in Elizabeth; three hotels, a residential development and housing authority project in Newark; and an overall increase in construction in Fall River.

Permit values also rose substantially in Pasadena, Cal., up 509.4 percent to $42.6 million from $7.0 million; and Salem, Ore., up 497.4 percent to $11.0 million from $1.8 million.

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The largest total dollar value of permits was recorded in Los Angeles at $334.2 million, up 9.0 percent over last year; San Diego was second at $211.0 million, up 54.5 percent; and New York City was third at $193.1 million, down 8.1 percent.

Building permit values are issued by The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation on a monthly basis. Data are compiled for the nation's 202 largest cities, as defined by population contained within city limits. These values exclude permits issued for certain other activities such as billboard and swimming pool construction.

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POP. RANK	CITY:	OCTOBER 1986	SEPTEMBER 1986	% Change Sept. 1986 Oct. 1986	OCTOBER 1985	% Change Oct. 1985 Oct. 1986
	MANHATTAN	$ 72,148,548	$ 59,551,000 R	21.2	$ 145,258,600	-50.3
	BRONX	12,047,500	5,859,700	105.6	4,194,500	187.2
	BROOKLYN	48,593,800	23,249,619	109.0	11,249,050	332.0
	QUEENS	41,189,000	26,473,850	55.6	16,991,820	142.4
	STATEN ISLAND	19,109,094	25,959,963	-26.4	32,320,665	-40.9
1	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	193,087,942	141,094,132 R	36.9	210,014,635	-8.1
2	CHICAGO, IL	112,681,648	88,857,783	26.8	73,248,865	53.8
3	LOS ANGELES, CA	334,165,013	343,080,170	-2.6	306,604,410	9.0
4	PHILADELPHIA, PA	54,773,111	48,675,546	12.5	109,433,078	-49.9
5	HOUSTON, TX	165,878,675	86,348,034	92.1	98,754,733	68.0
6	DETROIT, MI	N/A	26,792,500	--	12,182,973	--
7	DALLAS, TX	59,803,389	72,916,988	-18.0	116,123,763	-48.5
8	SAN DIEGO, CA	210,977,665	159,600,807	32.2	136,577,256	54.5
9	PHOENIX, AZ	109,048,748	100,030,224	9.0	71,448,007	52.6
10	BALTIMORE, MD	36,463,753	19,570,857	86.3	1,360,921,856	-97.3
11	SAN ANTONIO, TX	72,906,268	54,285,892	34.1	44,702,028	62.9
12	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	94,879,306	89,535,785	6.0	111,392,141	-14.8
13	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	145,786,386	53,560,110	172.2	59,501,912	145.0
14	MEMPHIS, TN	71,205,704	75,296,040	-5.4	74,664,957	-4.6
15	WASHINGTON, D.C.	54,496,719	66,111,437	-17.6	51,902,731	5.0
16	MILWAUKEE, WI	25,852,700	35,013,976	-26.2	7,823,463	230.5
17	SAN JOSE, CA	37,531,806	44,252,845	-15.2	103,322,511	-63.7
18	CLEVELAND, OH	37,161,340	11,808,539	214.7	14,784,708	151.3
19	COLUMBUS, OH	43,225,653	76,273,825	-43.3	57,532,619	-24.9
20	BOSTON, MA	72,554,218	89,783,715	-19.2	220,478,927	-67.1
21	NEW ORLEANS, LA	19,978,946	29,992,793	-33.4	28,653,117	-30.3
22	JACKSONVILLE, FL	66,755,558	48,401,782	37.9	63,584,080	5.0
23	SEATTLE, WA	N/A	N/A	--	97,029,714	--
24	DENVER, CO	37,644,450	26,345,314	42.9	34,455,611	9.3
25	NASHVILLE, TN	84,076,048	124,808,657	-32.6	79,900,668	5.2
26	ST. LOUIS, MO	30,999,435	22,801,322	36.0	15,395,170	101.4
27	KANSAS CITY, MO	39,149,454	44,872,166	-12.8	24,707,979	58.4
28	EL PASO, TX	26,242,654	31,522,642	-16.7	36,766,363	-28.6
29	ATLANTA, GA	76,341,841	53,491,059	42.7	47,993,246	59.1
30	PITTSBURGH, PA	14,169,024	21,336,389	-33.6	31,930,842	-55.6
31	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	18,924,643	18,737,368	1.0	20,998,615	-9.9
32	CINCINNATI, OH	17,752,403	21,592,943	-17.8	18,226,746	-2.6
33	FORT WORTH, TX	38,294,464	49,442,254	-22.5	43,406,532	-11.8
34	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	35,476,766	18,924,657	87.5	53,571,985	-33.8
35	PORTLAND, OR	32,896,723	19,619,926	67.7	21,886,006	50.3
36	HONOLULU, HI	62,235,005	53,761,502	15.8	54,413,894	14.4
37	LONG BEACH, CA	43,720,496	38,053,122	14.9	18,728,062	133.4
38	TULSA, OK	23,555,000	10,042,500	134.6	26,420,462	-10.8
39	BUFFALO, NY	6,197,803	2,312,668	168.0	2,695,580	129.9
40	TOLEDO, OH	9,478,883	11,480,239	-17.4	18,051,182	-47.5

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41	MIAMI, FL	16,736,790	15,313,427	9.3	37,353,487	-55.2
42	AUSTIN, TX	28,560,531	101,762,828	-71.9	64,791,627	-55.9
43	OAKLAND, CA	11,462,711	20,292,640	-43.5	23,651,131	-51.5
44	ALBUQUERQUE, NM	35,302,505	40,792,881	-13.5	31,263,599	12.9
45	TUCSON, AZ	43,762,940	20,050,089	118.3	26,132,559	67.5
46	NEWARK, NJ	9,783,900	12,761,095	-23.3	1,012,966	865.9
47	CHARLOTTE, NC	76,857,226	75,332,486	2.0	77,827,059	-1.2
48	OMAHA, NE	22,818,419	11,686,029	95.3	18,036,534	26.5
49	LOUISVILLE, KY	8,887,582	3,860,825	130.2	11,129,868	-20.1
50	BIRMINGHAM, AL	9,950,951	19,173,850	-48.1	22,451,515	-55.7
51	WICHITA, KS	13,351,646	14,136,842	-5.6	14,146,914	-5.6
52	SACRAMENTO, CA	69,362,778	47,780,519	45.2	31,137,358	122.8
53	TAMPA, FL	40,699,864	37,709,182	7.9	34,600,686	17.6
54	ST. PAUL, MN	14,325,508	12,645,995	13.3	13,794,726	3.8
55	NORFOLK, VA	7,885,128	8,179,454	-3.6	40,647,956	-80.6
56	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	24,292,022	29,591,454	-17.9	49,804,244	-51.2
57	ROCHESTER, NY	21,316,252	4,625,774	360.8	7,428,658	186.9
58	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	23,582,324	21,197,481	11.3	10,085,027	133.8
59	AKRON, OH	5,646,787	8,294,695	-31.9	12,988,734	-56.5
60	CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	9,763,261	19,903,472	-50.9	30,301,842	-67.8
61	JERSEY CITY, NJ	56,184,954	8,410,088	568.1	12,212,489	360.1
62	BATON ROUGE, LA	15,397,580	33,369,973	-53.9	33,215,859	-53.6
63	ANAHEIM, CA	13,536,194	14,251,456	-5.0	16,973,801	-20.3
64	RICHMOND, VA	11,806,091	5,776,141	104.4	9,229,890	27.9
65	FRESNO, CA	14,810,339	24,101,434	-38.5	17,202,421	-13.9
66	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	33,438,575	41,787,636	-20.0	43,993,993	-24.0
67	SHREVEPORT, LA	21,595,029	9,406,280	129.6	8,765,444	146.4
68	LEXINGTON, KY	16,301,136	17,174,318	-5.1	36,290,961	-55.1
69	SANTA ANA, CA	42,399,852	50,409,004	-15.9	33,267,279	27.5
70	DAYTON, OH	9,642,647	14,431,075	-33.2	2,360,442	308.5
71	JACKSON, MS	9,060,028	8,565,475	5.8	19,614,866	-53.8
72	MOBILE, AL	6,586,188	7,812,939	-15.7	6,743,592	-2.3
73	YONKERS, NY	2,605,275	1,948,388	33.7	5,062,200	-48.5
74	DES MOINES, IA	11,239,369	12,338,103	-8.9	15,543,489	-27.7
75	GRAND RAPIDS, MI	8,193,720	9,514,285	-13.9	4,182,970	95.9
76	MONTGOMERY, AL	21,104,000	15,803,400	33.5	11,898,800	77.4
77	KNOXVILLE, TN	4,472,189	7,299,085	-38.7	17,528,970	-74.5
78	ANCHORAGE, AK	8,601,280	8,277,441	3.9	30,357,260	-71.7
79	LUBBOCK, TX	7,992,604	14,321,662 R	-44.2	11,888,338	-32.8
80	FORT WAYNE, IN	13,092,095	14,624,291	-10.5	14,068,056	-6.9
81	LINCOLN, NE	8,933,943	19,613,878	-54.5	8,983,102	-0.5
82	SPOKANE, WA	12,950,957	14,640,131	-11.5	6,331,860	104.5
83	RIVERSIDE, CA	32,609,180	22,224,713	46.7	27,658,584	17.9
84	MADISON, WI	9,192,255	6,923,465	32.8	9,630,355	-4.5
85	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	12,820,020	17,326,729	-26.0	5,795,967	121.2
86	SYRACUSE, NY	N/A	3,062,478 R	--	2,059,090	--

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87	CHATTANOOGA, TN	8,653,154	19,443,369	-55.5	30,017,546	-71.2
88	COLUMBUS, GA	8,250,134	5,502,308	49.9	10,887,295	-24.2
89	LAS VEGAS, NV	35,267,859	30,817,482	14.4	20,995,038	68.0
90	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	8,306,806	6,638,132	25.1	13,432,159	-38.2
91	WORCESTER, MA	15,523,826	24,728,625	-37.2	11,289,004	37.5
92	WARREN, MI	4,366,020	5,136,010	-15.0	3,904,737	11.8
93	KANSAS CITY, KS	2,303,024	14,500,102	-84.1	5,001,195	-54.0
94	ARLINGTON, TX	38,138,264	22,547,354	69.1	28,429,490	34.2
95	FLINT, MI	2,172,835	3,062,165	-29.0	7,225,143	-69.9
96	AURORA, CO	12,495,802	10,336,052	20.9	30,842,734	-59.5
97	TACOMA, WA	15,159,017	13,546,167 R	11.9	10,310,494	47.0
98	LITTLE ROCK, AR	17,323,664	22,050,084	-21.4	9,069,605	91.0
99	PROVIDENCE, RI	3,333,518	5,187,289	-35.7	1,346,003	147.7
100	GREENSBORO, NC	14,312,157	15,628,924	-8.4	12,465,358	14.8
101	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL	15,996,186	5,927,498	169.9	28,779,913	-44.4
102	MESA, AZ	31,983,362	61,127,293	-47.7	45,218,260	-29.3
103	SPRINGFIELD, MA	15,867,945	17,660,562	-10.2	3,771,909	320.7
104	GARY, IN	857,272	1,046,600	-18.1	553,153	55.0
105	RALEIGH, NC	28,163,100	19,840,585	41.9	54,001,760	-47.8
106	STOCKTON, CA	131,195	15,178,890	-99.1	7,289,546	-98.2
107	AMARILLO, TX	5,860,019	6,409,872	-8.6	10,904,122	-46.3
108	HIALEAH, FL	10,052,316	5,351,625	87.8	7,017,030	43.3
109	NEWPORT NEWS, VA	11,271,495	20,299,704	-44.5	17,140,421	-34.2
110	BRIDGEPORT, CT	5,663,070	3,024,480	87.2	4,116,035	37.6
111	HUNTSVILLE, AL	21,311,847	15,227,618	40.0	14,129,052	50.8
112	SAVANNAH, GA	8,195,132	7,150,203	14.5	12,278,877	-33.3
113	ROCKFORD, IL	3,610,957	5,270,807	-31.5	8,309,754	-56.5
114	GLENDALE, CA	40,439,952	36,412,455	11.1	34,051,680	18.8
115	GARLAND, TX	7,310,131	7,270,452 R	0.5	8,716,324	-16.1
116	PATERSON, NJ	1,765,776	1,079,790	63.5	3,451,205	-48.8
117	HARTFORD, CT	23,823,179	26,871,863	-11.3	16,103,085	47.9
118	SPRINGFIELD, MO	18,719,653	8,514,521	119.9	14,149,385	32.3
119	FREMONT, CA	21,200,200	22,990,200	-7.8	24,913,450	-14.9
120	WINSTON-SALEM, NC	12,160,174	16,906,899	-28.1	14,533,580	-16.3
121	EVANSVILLE, IN	12,858,376	10,818,878	18.9	8,655,442	48.6
122	LANSING, MI	9,322,137	11,405,197	-18.3	7,578,904	23.0
123	TORRANCE, CA	20,883,665	7,036,178	196.8	6,335,255	229.6
124	ORLANDO, FL	27,530,587	14,972,441	83.9	47,203,010	-41.7
125	NEW HAVEN, CT	7,625,450	8,018,116	-4.9	12,594,671	-39.5
126	PEORIA, IL	1,719,422	2,290,616	-24.9	1,216,179	41.4
127	GARDEN GROVE, CA	3,244,643	2,235,716	45.1	21,224,235	-84.7
128	HAMPTON, VA	5,707,454	16,291,313	-65.0	9,305,230	-38.7
129	HOLLYWOOD, FL	8,275,770	11,389,678 R	-27.3	6,712,821	23.3
130	ERIE, PA	3,092,005	3,584,140	-13.7	9,631,621	-67.9
131	PASADENA, CA	42,565,062	7,355,772 R	478.7	6,985,008	509.4
132	BEAUMONT, TX	4,065,052	5,000,771	-18.7	3,161,176	28.6

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133	SAN BERNARDINO, CA	2,810,090	22,798,325	-87.7	7,005,907	-59.9
134	MACON, GA	8,450,954	7,803,107	8.3	8,594,595	-1.7
135	YOUNGSTOWN, OH	574,390	719,709	-20.2	N/A	--
136	TOPEKA, KS	8,391,627	15,953,639 R	-47.4	2,350,500	257.0
137	CHESAPEAKE, VA	17,735,951	24,950,376	-28.9	20,740,791	-14.5
138	LAKEWOOD, CO	4,555,341	10,069,680	-54.8	6,819,084	-33.2
139	PASADENA, TX	1,538,045	2,998,573	-48.7	9,137,447	-83.2
140	INDEPENDENCE, MO	N/A	7,191,000	--	10,870,738	--
141	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	4,691,914	3,963,048	18.4	3,376,662	39.0
142	IRVING, TX	29,048,657	29,113,471	-0.2	82,525,813	-64.8
143	SOUTH BEND, IN	2,335,359	4,831,890	-51.7	5,302,415	-56.0
144	STERLING HEIGHTS, MI	4,973,102	12,306,241	-59.6	10,742,880	-53.7
145	OXNARD, CA	3,752,826	10,217,147	-63.3	10,275,216	-63.5
146	ANN ARBOR, MI	8,113,750	5,195,855	56.2	4,098,969	97.9
147	TEMPE, AZ	23,191,700	22,363,000	3.7	36,366,000	-36.2
148	SUNNYVALE, CA	11,377,114	21,819,926	-47.9	15,515,632	-26.7
149	MODESTO, CA	7,863,731	70,588,791	-88.9	12,079,822	-34.9
150	ELIZABETH, NJ	25,545,145	1,525,521	1574.5	875,250	2818.6
151	EUGENE, OR	5,378,839	5,742,151	-6.3	6,647,090	-19.1
152	BAKERSFIELD, CA	17,008,593	12,377,837	37.4	24,250,474	-29.9
153	LIVONIA, MI	21,184,349	25,765,178	-17.8	11,765,795	80.1
154	PORTSMOUTH, VA	5,389,284	5,661,876	-4.8	2,593,174	107.8
155	ALLENTOWN, PA	952,023	903,545	5.4	1,012,117	-5.9
156	BERKELEY, CA	1,910,568	4,378,014	-56.4	3,216,648	-40.6
157	WATERBURY, CT	7,798,267	5,825,433	33.9	3,439,548	126.7
158	DAVENPORT, IA	4,354,657	2,020,133	115.6	6,395,751	-31.9
159	CONCORD, CA	5,538,486	3,719,647	48.9	16,015,869	-65.4
160	ALEXANDRIA, VA	5,099,044	6,174,763	-17.4	7,122,404	-28.4
161	STAMFORD, CT	15,041,869	22,358,600	-32.7	10,160,904	48.0
162	BOISE, ID	8,577,616	5,877,948	45.9	12,333,137	-30.5
163	FULLERTON, CA	2,841,180	2,349,535	20.9	36,065,180	-92.1
164	ALBANY, NY	6,351,515	5,992,219 R	6.0	5,603,693	13.3
165	PUEBLO, CO	3,597,485	4,109,442	-12.5	3,968,049	-9.3
166	WACO, TX	3,025,713	2,820,975	7.3	4,728,989	-36.0
167	COLUMBIA, SC	6,054,681	18,253,259	-66.8	6,604,530	-8.3
168	DURHAM, NC	22,381,229	11,728,453	90.8	29,005,136	-22.8
169	RENO, NV	10,724,376	19,440,702	-44.8	20,729,857	-48.3
170	ROANOKE, VA	2,383,275	5,341,932	-55.4	1,178,318	102.3
171	SPRINGFIELD, IL	10,615,650	5,523,947	92.2	7,404,130	43.4
172	NEW BEDFORD, MA	4,049,129	2,533,785	59.8	2,373,340	70.6
173	ABILENE, TX	2,932,904	5,712,631	-48.7	4,239,401	-30.8
174	GLENDALE, AZ	9,727,667	18,056,790	-46.1	27,086,618	-64.1
175	MIAMI BEACH, FL	2,472,460	1,038,004	138.2	1,417,796	74.4
176	CAMBRIDGE, MA	8,920,177	7,517,633	18.7	15,488,442	-42.4
177	BROCKTON, MA	2,263,250	12,088,963	-81.3	3,634,799	-37.7
178	CANTON, OH	1,181,173	1,767,551	-33.2	559,018	111.3

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179	INGLEWOOD, CA	3,480,435	4,092,721	-15.0	9,707,141	-64.1
180	WICHITA FALLS, TX	4,241,094	1,632,750	159.8	4,251,445	-0.2
181	HAYWARD, CA	4,837,049	15,656,280	-69.1	12,878,667	-62.4
182	DECATUR, IL	1,231,992	3,989,416	-69.1	2,565,390	-52.0
183	HAMMOND, IN	839,921	1,023,415	-17.9	1,382,032	-39.2
184	DULUTH, MN	8,827,646	11,478,511	-23.1	2,334,706	278.1
185	POMONA, CA	3,300,212	5,852,347	-43.6	4,892,460	-32.5
186	FALL RIVER, MA	12,121,133	2,593,917 R	367.3	1,523,016	695.9
187	PARMA, OH	4,940,400	7,682,525	-35.7	5,539,380	-10.8
188	LOWELL, MA	12,669,812	15,222,395	-16.8	6,748,023	87.8
189	TRENTON, NJ	N/A	N/A	--	2,176,045	--
190	ORANGE, CA	3,386,659	5,760,461	-41.2	17,443,099	-80.6
191	LAREDO, TX	3,941,079	3,157,658	24.8	2,876,436	37.0
192	MANCHESTER, NH	9,678,613	6,910,841	40.0	13,759,528	-29.7
193	DEARBORN, MI	15,118,053	20,308,836	-25.6	4,790,280	215.6
194	ODESSA, TX	953,491	1,365,283	-37.5	2,958,529	-71.2
195	SALEM, OR	11,004,784	6,608,983	66.5	1,842,199	497.4
196	ONTARIO, CA	50,388,913	27,445,097	83.6	13,941,340	261.4
197	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	60,085,979	40,900,599	46.9	56,792,474	5.8
198	SANTA MONICA, CA	5,728,876	3,478,820	64.7	5,871,376	-2.4
199	SCRANTON, PA	2,640,373	1,628,069	62.2	1,414,898	86.6
200	GREEN BAY, WI	7,717,248	5,261,031	46.7	12,859,933	-40.0
201	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7,754,587	9,580,357	-19.1	5,670,801	36.7
202	HOUMA, LA	875,385	592,025	47.9	757,296	15.6
	Total 202 Cities -	4,730,421,818	$ 4,563,730,772 R	3.7	$ 6,331,619,311	-25.3

N/A = Not yet available.

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Monthly Total of Building Permits in 202 Largest Cities
1986 - 1983

	1986	1985	1984	1983
January	$ 4,241,412,147	$ 4,006,541,471	$ 3,392,718,593	$ 2,767,691,244
February	4,014,725,340	3,728,710,558	3,626,974,285	2,762,576,412
March	4,426,734,968	4,523,421,548	4,283,936,765	3,491,078,416
April	4,928,043,860	5,221,350,569	5,063,648,057	3,803,649,963
May	4,772,840,817	4,926,136,569	4,466,240,797	3,734,104,360
June	5,944,614,487	4,858,837,313	6,182,753,523	4,134,634,005
July	5,035,215,549	5,368,022,637	4,582,574,177	3,817,622,095
August	5,055,042,442	5,355,133,435	4,418,324,063	4,194,901,065
September	4,563,730,772 R	4,327,569,947	4,741,609,977	4,019,118,785
October	4,730,421,818	6,331,631,311 R	4,825,878,625	3,745,314,146
November		4,782,850,611	4,049,436,361	3,377,140,937
December		4,330,583,989	3,328,928,616	3,483,814,774
TOTAL	$ 47,712,782,200 R	$ 57,760,789,958 R	$ 52,963,023,839	$ 43,331,546,202

Of the 202 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the tenth month of 1986 were:

	CITY:	October 1986	% Change Oct. 1985 Oct. 1986
		(In Millions of $)	
1	Los Angeles, CA	334.2	9.0
2	San Diego, CA	211.0	54.5
3	Total New York City, NY	193.1	-8.1
4	Houston, TX	165.9	68.0
5	San Francisco, CA	145.8	145.0
6	Chicago, IL	112.7	53.8
7	Phoenix, AZ	109.0	52.6
8	Indianapolis, IN	94.9	-14.8
9	Nashville, TN	84.1	5.2
10	Charlotte, NC	76.9	-1.2
11	Atlanta, GA	76.3	59.1
12	San Antonio, TX	72.8	62.9
13	Boston, MA	72.6	-67.1
14	Memphis, TN	71.2	-4.6
15	Sacramento, CA	69.4	122.8
16	Jacksonville, FL	66.8	5.0
17	Honolulu, HI	62.2	14.4
18	Scottsdale, AZ	60.1	5.8
19	Dallas, TX	59.8	-48.5
20	Jersey City, NJ	56.2	360.1
21	Philadelphia, PA	54.8	-49.9
22	Washington, D.C.	54.5	5.0
23	Ontario, CA	50.4	261.4
24	Tucson, AZ	43.8	67.5
25	Long Beach, CA	43.7	133.4

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